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Should Congress Mandate **Higher** Gas Prices?

With 3rd District constituents paying almost \$5 a gallon at the pump, different ideas have been suggested to the Congress.

While I have supported increasing American energy exploration in order to lower gas prices, alongside long-term incentives for clean, alternative energy investment, others suggest mandating an even higher price for gasoline.

Rep. John Dingell has suggested **increasing gasoline taxes by 50-cents a gallon** in order to reduce Americans' consumption of oil. With California's average gas price at \$4.90, such a tax would put the price of gasoline well over \$5 a gallon.

Do you believe Congress should try to decrease the price of oil through American energy exploration or should Congress raise the price of oil further through regulation?

- ☐ Congress should work to decrease the price of oil
- ☐ Congress should mandate even higher oil prices

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Two Upcoming Town Halls

There are two upcoming town halls (see details on the right), at which I especially would like to discuss high gasoline prices with you. Rising energy prices are hurting California families, businesses, and employees. I am committed to supporting policies that will lower energy and gas prices, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and strengthen the American economy.

Sunday, **June 29**
4:00-5:30pm
1 Main Street
Rio Vista, CA 94571
[Map](#)

Monday, **June 30**
7:00-8:30pm
1 East Main Street
Ione, CA 95640
[Map](#)

Some steps we can take to stop skyrocketing gas prices:

- **Increase American Energy Exploration:** we need to

immediately eliminate barriers to exploring for American energy, including drilling in ANWR. More American energy production means lower prices at the pump.

- **Build New Refineries:** the last refinery built in the United States was in 1976, more than three decades ago. I support legislation to create new refineries, leading to more energy and lower prices.
- **Develop Clean Coal Technology:** because of its vast coal resources, the United States has been called the "Saudi Arabia of coal." Technologies that allow zero emission use of coal could dramatically reduce our dependence on foreign oil.
- **Encourage Alternative Energy and Conservation:** reducing the demand for oil is an important long-term goal that will reduce energy costs and benefit the environment.

For more information on my long record in supporting America's energy future, please see [this Los Angeles Times oped](#) on the New Options Petroleum Energy Conservation Act.

I am eager to continue a conversation about these important issues at these upcoming town halls. As always, please bring your questions!

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Lungren
Member of Congress

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